

Shoshone Episcopal Mission
St. David's Church
Three miles southwest of Fort Washakie on
Moccasin Lake Road
Wind River Indian Reservation
Fort Washakie Vicinity
Fremont County
Wyoming

HABS No. WYO-54D

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SHOSHONE EPISCOPAL MISSION
ST. DAVID'S CHURCHHABS
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Location: Three miles southwest of Fort Washakie on Moccasin Lake Road, Wind River Indian Reservation, Fort Washakie, Fremont County, Wyoming. Original location was at Fort Washakie.
Universal Transverse Mercator Coordinates: (USGS Wind River Quadrangle Map) 12.670260.4761020.

Present Owner: Episcopal Diocese of Wyoming, 310 University Avenue, Laramie, Wyoming.

Present Use: Regular Sunday services.

Statement of Significance: St. David's is an example of fairly modern log construction. It is the largest and most recent of the three churches located at the Mission Boarding School site, and is used for regular services by the Shoshone congregation. It represents the continuity of Episcopal religious activity at the Wind River Indian Reservation.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

A. Physical History:

1. Date of erection: Ca. 1941.
2. Architect: Unknown.
3. Original and subsequent owners: Episcopal Diocese of Wyoming.

B. Historical Events and Persons Connected with the Structure: See Part I. B., Shoshone Episcopal Mission (HABS No. WYO-54).

In 1909 the U. S. Army concluded its operations at Fort Washakie and left the Wind River Indian Reservation. The Indian Agency and the Shoshone Episcopal Mission moved to Fort Washakie and maintained their offices there until the 1960's when the Mission seat and St. David's Church were both moved 3 miles southwest to the Mission Boarding School (WYO-54). In 1969, St. David's was placed southwest of the Residence-Boarding School building (WYO-54A). As the largest church of the three now located at the Mission Boarding School site, St. David's is regularly used for Sunday services.

- C. Sources of Information: See Part I. C., Shoshone Episcopal Mission (HABS No. WYO-54).

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PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION - ST. DAVID'S CHURCH

A. General Statement:

1. Architectural character: This log church was built at Fort Washakie and subsequently moved to the Shoshone Episcopal Mission in 1969.
2. Condition of fabric: Good.

B. Description of Exterior:

1. Over-all dimensions: Approximately 30' x 50' (four-bay flank), one story (35' high). This is the largest church at the Mission.
2. Foundations: Poured concrete.
3. Wall construction, finish and color: Sawmill squared logs, stained dark brown.
4. Structural system, framing: Log bearing walls.
5. Porches and stoops: The gabled narthex is entered from a poured concrete three-step stoop.
6. Openings:
 - a. Doorways and doors: Each leaf of the double door on the last (front) elevation has three wooden panels below four glass panes, divided by muntins in the shape of a Latin cross. A four light transom is above the door.

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- b. Windows: The side elevations have four double casement windows. Each sash has twelve lights. Two single windows of nine lights each are located on the side walls of the vestibule.

7. Roof:

- a. Shape, covering: Gable roof with asphalt shingles.
- b. Cornice, eaves: Exposed rafter end.
- c. Tower: A square bell-tower straddles the ridge at the east end of the main roof. The log case supports an open belfry with four corner posts supporting a flared pyramidal roof. The tower is topped by a wooden Latin cross.

C. Site:

- 1. General setting and orientation: Originally built at Fort Washakie, this church was moved in 1969 to its present site approximately 120' south of the Mission Boarding School. The entrance facing northeast across a parking area. The church is joined by a walk to the Mission Boarding School (now the parish hall.)

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PART III. PROJECT INFORMATION

These records were made during the 1973 Wyoming Project undertaken by the Historic American Buildings Survey in cooperation with the Wyoming Recreation Commission. During the project, records were made on twenty-eight (28) individual subjects and six (6) historic areas.

This project was under the general supervision of John Poppeliers, chief of the Historic American Buildings Survey. Project Supervisor was Professor J. William Rudd, Architect, of the University of Cincinnati. Project Historian was John Paige, Oklahoma State University. The measured drawings were prepared by John Uhler, University of California at Berkeley, Architect; and Student Assistant Architects Richard Duflocq, University of Cincinnati, Clayton Fraser, University of Tennessee, and Richard Wyatt, California Polytechnic University at San Luis Obispo. Jack E. Boucher, HABS staff photographer, provided the photographic record. This report was edited for HABS in 1977 by Candace Reed.